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LETTER DATED 12 FEBRUARY 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I wish to draw your attention to the provocative remarks about the Democratic People's Republic of Korea that a south Korean representative made at the 3627th meeting of the Security Council on 31 January 1996.

I am concerned about the imprudent behaviour of the south Korean representative, as it will lead to intensified confrontation between the north and the south of Korea and have a negative effect on international peace and security as a whole.

In view of the present situation on the Korean peninsula, where the cease-fire remains intact, the delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea already expressed its concern over the possible negative impact on the Korean peninsula should south Korea become a member of the Security Council at last year's election for membership of the Security Council.

The utterance of the south Korean representative about an issue that was neither on the agenda nor had any link with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea raises great concern that the Security Council might be abused vis-à-vis selective countries, thus damaging the credibility of the Council.

It is a well known fact that the successive south Korean authorities used to fabricate "shocking incidents" and link them with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea whenever they were in crises.

I would like to underline that the south Korean representative's remarks are synchronized with the current political crises in south Korea.

Should such mean acts be allowed again in the Security Council, the situation will be further complicated and the Security Council will bear the responsibility for the aggravated situation on the Korean peninsula. The United States in particular cannot escape from its responsibility therefor.

The delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will closely watch every development in the Security Council.

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I would be grateful if you could kindly arrange to have my letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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